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S.B. No. 1663

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality to alter speed limits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 545.356(b-1), (c), and (d), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b-3), the governing body of a municipality, for a highway or a part of a highway in the municipality that is not an officially designated or marked highway or road of the state highway system, may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 20 [~~25~~] miles per hour, if the governing body determines that the prima facie speed limit on the highway is unreasonable or unsafe. A municipality is not required to perform an engineering or traffic investigation to declare a lower speed limit under this subsection if the street is located in a residence district.

(c) A prima facie speed limit that is altered by the governing body of a municipality under Subsection (b) [~~(b-1)~~] or (b-3) is effective when the governing body erects signs giving notice of the new limit and at all times or at other times as determined.

(d) The governing body of a municipality that declares a lower speed limit on a highway or part of a highway under Subsection [~~(b-1) or~~] (b-3), not later than February 1 of each year, shall publish on its Internet website and submit to the department a

1 report that compares for each of the two previous calendar years:

2 (1) the number of traffic citations issued by peace
3 officers of the municipality and the alleged speed of the vehicles,
4 for speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway;

5 (2) the number of warning citations issued by peace
6 officers of the municipality on the highway or part of the highway;
7 and

8 (3) the number of vehicular accidents that resulted in
9 injury or death and were attributable to speed limit violations on
10 the highway or part of the highway.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.